

Application No.: 10/017,661Docket No.: V9661.0024**REMARKS/ARGUMENT**

Claims 1 - 6 and 9 - 13 are in the case. Claims 7 and 8 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 11 - 13 have been added. Claims 4 - 6 and 9 - 10 are allowed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the subject application in view of the above claim amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,359,392 to *He* for reasons stated on pages 2 and 3 of the Office action. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites, at least, "a switch controlling the connection of the inductor and the first light emitting diode to the power source." Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office Action that *He* disclose the above claim feature.

He discloses an inverter 42, which is used to buffer the power supply (see col. 3, ll. 40-41). The inverter 42 in *He* is not a switch which can selectively connect the inductor and the first light emitting diode to the power source as in the claimed invention. Therefore, *He* does not disclose claim 1. Accordingly, the subject rejection has been overcome.

Claims 2 - 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0158590 to *Saito et al.* in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2001/0012209A1 to *Raddi et al.* for reasons stated on page 5 of the Office action. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

For reasons submitted in Applicants' Amendment filed December 19, 2005, *Saito et al.* does not qualify as a reference of the claimed invention. Therefore, the subject rejection has been overcome.


New claims 11 - 13 were added, which depend from independent claim 1. Accordingly, new claims 11 -13 are believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable.

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Applicants have shown that all pending claims 1 - 3 are allowable over the cited art and hereby respectfully request that the rejections of the above claims be withdrawn. Each of the presently pending claims 1 - 6 and 9 - 13 in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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